

OUR IRISH LETTER

NEWS FROM ALL THE COUNTIES OF IRELAND.

What is Being Done by the People at Home—Various Items From Every Section of the Emerald Isle.

CONNAUGHT.

GALWAY.

With feelings of regret we read in the *Queenstown Free Press* of the death of the Rev. John J. Moylan, at the age of 27 years, which occurred at Queenstown, South Africa, where he was for the benefit of his health. On the 4th of February he resigned his soul into the hands of God. He was the only son of the late Mr. John Moylan, The Mall, Tuam.

Mr. James Coleman, relieving officer of Galway Union, who resided in the city, died recently, deeply and sincerely regretted. He had spent several years in Australia. After requiem services in St. Nicholas' church, the interment was in Prospect Hill cemetery.

The national anniversary was honored in Galway city with religious services and public demonstrations. At the 9 o'clock mass, male and female branches of the Temperance society attended in full force. It was general communion day for the society, and all received. After mass the hymn "All Hail to St. Patrick" was sung. About 2 o'clock a demonstration was made by the Young Ireland Hall. A procession was formed consisting of mounted men wearing green sashes and carrying pikes, followed by a vehicle on which was carried a banner with the motto, "The West's Awake." Afterward the file and drum band of Forster street turned out, and the greatest enthusiasm prevailed. The Gaelic League had a large meeting and a literary and vocal reunion in the evening, and a smoking concert was given at the Mechanics' Institute. The real Irish are still in Connaught.

LEITRIM.

Mrs. Lizzie Costelloe, Dromore, Carrick-on-Shannon, died on March 21. After requiem services in St. Mary's church, interment took place in Kiltoghert cemetery. Funeral cortege long.

At last meeting of the Newbridge '98 association, it was ably proposed by Mr. Pat McGovern of Coolegrane, and seconded by Mr. Michael Mooney of Coolegrane, that the committee and officers who served during the preceding year be re-elected. The proposition was assented to unanimously. Mr. M. Flynn of Cauberg, president; Mr. Myles McKeon of Managh, treasurer; Mr. Francis McManus of Aiteen, honorary secretary.

MAYO.

A meeting of the Westport United Irish League, intended to be held last week was proclaimed by the president, Magistrate J. F. Lynch, on the grounds that it was called to denounce land-grabbers and the occupants of large tracts of land used for grazing only.

The condition of the people in the mountain glens of Partray is simply awful. Hunger, fever and ill-conditioned dwellings are killing them. In many houses the sick lie upon the earthen cold floor, while the broken roofs allow the rain and wind to sweep around the sick and dying in misery producing gusts.

Father Healy is chairman of the Westport '98 association which will give a hearty Irish welcome to the exile. High mass will be celebrated for the repose of the souls of the men who died in the struggle for freedom. This impressive ceremony will take place on the historic mountain, Croagh Patrick. Special trains will be arranged to convey the visitors to the famous battlefield known as the "Castlebar Races," and to the place where Father Manus Sweeney was murdered by the English during the uprising. The visitors will also be invited to see the varied and picturesque scenery of the shores of Glen Bay, and its stupendous and awe-inspiring cliffs. They will visit Clare Island, where Grannalle lived, and was mistress of the western seas; Cahir, Hilly Island and Inishobinn, where Cromwell imprisoned the Irish priests; fireworks and fetes will be held amid the splendid scenery of Aohill and Leenane. These certainly are delightful treats in store for those who visit or revisit the "Island of Saints" this year.

ROSCOMMON.

Mrs. Elizabeth Flanagan of Strokestown, died March 11, aged 72 years, deeply and widely regretted. She was mother of Rev. P. A. Flanagan, P. P., Antrim, and Rev. T. A. Flanagan, O. C. Roscoe Point. After solemn requiem services, which were numerous, the interment was in the local cemetery.

Mr. Michael Conroy of Arm, Castlerea, died suddenly on March 12, aged 58 years.

SLIGO.

Mr. Dominick Quinn, merchant, Tubbercurry, died March 15, deeply regretted. Interment was in Banada Abbey; funeral cortege long.

The national concert given in aid of the funds of the Sligo Ladies' '98 Club came off in the Sligo Town hall on Patrick's night. The large assembly room was filled by a large and most enthusiastic audience.

On St. Patrick's day a meeting of very large dimensions and of a most enthusiastic nature was held at Gurteen. On the motion of Mr. Keegan, seconded by Mr. Hyland, the chair was taken by the Rev. Father Scully. Addresses were delivered by Father Scully and Miss Maude Goone on the present sad condition of the Irish people.

On Sunday a large and enthusiastic meeting was held at Carownagh to denounce landgrabbing in connection with the notorious Ballisodare case. Though the day was inclement the attendance was very large, contingents being present from Sooy, Collonoy, Ballymote, Skreen, Coolaney, Ballisodare and Ballisodare. A large force of police was in the vicinity of the evicted farm, but did not interfere with the meeting.

LEINSTER.

CARLOW.

A new altar has just been erected in the church at Borris, which is a lovely addition to the many beautiful specimens of Christian art in Ireland. It is the gift of the Rev. John Beauchamp, P. P., Borris. It is in white Carara marble, designed and executed in the style of the fifteenth century, under the direct superintendence of the Irish archaeologist and artist, Mr. M. J. C. Buckley, Kilkenny, the carving being done by a talented young Irish sculptor, Mr. Patrick Molloy of Callan, county Kilkenny.

On Monday a solemn office and high mass were celebrated in Myshall church for the happy repose of the soul of Mrs. Kealy. The Very Rev. Mgr. Burke presided. Rev. R. O'Brien was celebrant, assisted by Rev. J. Mooney and Rev. T. Fenelon, as deacon and sub-deacon; Rev. P. Byrne, master of ceremonies; chanters, Rev. P. Gorry and Rev. L. Hosey.

DUBLIN.

A conference of the United Irishmen Centennial association was held in Round Room, Rotunda, Dublin, March 24, and was attended by delegates from a vast number of places in the country. Many good speeches were made. Messrs. O'Mulrenin and Lynch spoke in Irish.

We regret to chronicle the death of the Rev. John Norton, S. J., at Gardiner street, Dublin. He was born in Dublin in 1821. Educated at Stonyhurst, he entered the Jesuit novitiate in 1838. After some years in Belgium and England he was sent to Malta, and subsequently to Calcutta. On his return he was stationed at Clongowes and Belviders, whence he went to Havana, in Cuba.

Mrs. Morris, who with her little daughter, was taken out of the Grand canal, Dublin, last week, is progressing favorably. She became conscious and was able to give some account of how the painful incident of her daughter's drowning occurred. The little girl, she states, accidentally slipped into the canal, and when she (Mrs. Morris) tried to rescue her, she fell in herself, and after a little while became unconscious.

Recent deaths in Dublin.—Ormsby March 15, at 79 Dalymount, Phippsborough, Dublin, Elizabeth Ormsby, aged 77 years. Hickey—March 17, at 30 Portland row, North Strand, Jane Hickey, daughter of the late James Hand of Grace Dieu, Donabate, County Dublin. Mulhall—March 15, Mary Mulhall, aged 20 years, only daughter of the late Bernard Mulhall, of Dargle road, Bray. Murphy—At 218 Great Britain street, John T. Murphy, aged 73 years. O'Neill—March 15, at 50 Arbour Hill, Mrs. Mary O'Neill, at an advanced age. Blayney—March 20, at 11 Upper Exchange street, Patrick Blayney. Boggan—March 20, at 68 North Brunswick street, Ellen Boggan, daughter of the late John Howard of Swords, Clery—March 13, at 22 Lower Dorset street, Annie Bridget Clery. Lawlor—March 16, at 84 Prussia street, Dublin, Anna Lawlor of Welchestown, county Kildare. Hogan—March 8, at 39 Newbridge avenue, Sandymount, John Hogan, in his 83d year, formerly of 11 Winetavern street, Shanky—March 13, at 10 Ryder's row, Patrick J. Shanky, aged 82 years. O'Neill—March 13, at the Convent of Mercy, St. John's, Newfountain, Annie Mc re-

gion Sister Mary Agatha, daughter of the late Felix O'Neill, 100 Upper Rathmines. Mulcaby—March 10, at the Presentation Convent, Clondalkin, Mother Mary Stanislaus Mulcaby (foundress), aged 82 years.

TIPPERARY.

Sir Mark Tuite, a well known landlord of Tipperary, who resided in Killruane house, near Nenagh, died recently. Sir Mark became a Catholic some years ago.

The committee of the '98 centennial association in Thurles is composed of J. L. Johnson, chairman; John Walsh, James Ryan, county secretary; P. O'Meara, Louis C. Doyle, Charles Culhane, Andrew Callanan, James K. Moloney, Edward Dunne, Denis McCarthy and D. H. Ryan and Thomas Ryan.

A sterling patriot and one who was among the first who were evicted from their homes in Old Tipperary, died recently, Mr. Jeremiah P. Cotter of New Tipperary. He was only 37 years old, and of very robust and athletic frame, and his death coming so prematurely under these circumstances made the matter all the more painful to his young wife and relatives, as well as to the people of his native town. Since his eviction the deceased and his family have resided in New Tipperary. High mass was offered up in St. Michael's church, Very Rev. Canon Cahill, presiding, and Rev. G. Cotter, Thurles college, cousin of the deceased, celebrant. At 12 o'clock the remains were removed from the church for interment in the family burying ground.

WATERFORD.

We regret to record the death of Mr. Walter Walsh, Catherine street, which occurred on March 21. During his life he was much esteemed. For a great number of years he conducted an extensive iron mongery business in Barronstreet, Waterford. Every request for the support of charitable and patriotic objects was promptly and generously responded to by him. Mrs. Redmon has been elected matron of the insane asylum, John's Hill, Waterford.

The demise lately of Mr. John Garvey of Johnstown, was deeply and widely regretted. Mr. John Hearne, builder, Waterford, recently gave a donation of £50 to the St. Vincent de Paul society.

Deep and widespread regret was occasioned in Lismore and neighborhood by the death of Mother Gertrude Quinn of the Presentation convent on March 23. The Very Rev. William Sheehy, Dungarvan, vicar-general, presided at the obsequies. Requiem mass and office commenced at eleven o'clock, celebrant, Very Rev. Dr. Keane, master of ceremonies, Rev. F. Prendergast, Dungarvan.

LOUTH.

The directors of the Drogheda Independent have declared a dividend of 6 per cent. on the stock.

Died—March 11, at Lannette, Dundalk, Patrick Byrne. The interment was in Killarney cemetery and the funeral was long.

The remains of Mrs. Dickson were removed from The Sycamores, Drogheda, for interment in Beaulieu churchyard.

MEATH.

Michael Crosby, Mandlinroad, Kells, died March 20, aged 70 years, deeply regretted.

William Vincent Kesh, of Fenner Cottage, Slane, died March 20, in Dublin hospital. Interment was in Hill of Slane cemetery; funeral cortege long.

Died—March 14, at Ratoath, Mary Margaret Moran. March 9, at the Mater hospital, Mrs. Bridget Smith, Oldtown, Navan, and second daughter of the late John Smith, Trim Gate street, Navan.

QUEEN'S.

At the last meeting of the Mountmellick board of guardians, Mr. W. H. Cobbe, chairman, presiding, the following resolution was unanimously adopted, proposed by Mr. P. Cobbe, and seconded by Mr. John Stephenson: "That, owing to the enormous amount of land that is now in a state of devastation, caused by the obstructions, such as felled trees and slipping of the banks of the river Barrow, which the past winter floods have caused midway between Mountmellick and Portarlington, we call on our two county members to ask the Chief Secretary to allow a small grant, say £400 or £500, to remedy this terrible evil, which has laid a large portion of the surrounding country almost waste by the flooding of this river, more in this particular place than any other point on the Barrow, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the county members, the chief secretary, and to Mr. Arthur O'Connor."

WESTMEATH.

The Feast of St. Patrick was observed in St. Peter's church, Athlone, with unusual solemnity. Solemn high mass was celebrated by the Rev. John Byrne, Father Keane, deacon; Rt. Rev. Mgr. Kelly, sub-deacon. Most Rev. Dr. Clancy, Bishop of Elphin, presided. After the first gospel the bishop preached a most impressive sermon on the feast of the day. He dwelt forcibly on the missionary character of the Irish people, and on the tenacity with which they clung to the faith delivered to them by St. Patrick, in spite of persecutions the most cruel and unrelenting that have ever been recorded in the history of any country. An unusual feature of the day's celebration was the presence in the church of a large detachment of the Connaught Rangers, with their colonel and other officers at their head, all wearing the shamrock. Col. Brocks, the gallant and popular commanding officer of the regiment, also permitted the band to assist in the choir, and the sacred music of the mass was rendered in the most effective and efficient manner possible.

Mr. James McCormack, Bullyhug, Ballynacargy, died suddenly lately.

WEXFORD.

The parish of Davidstown, and county Wexford generally, were cast into gloom by the death of the Rev. Father, Keating. He was on active duty till St. Patrick's day when he offered up mass.

In the course of excavating operations which were being carried on in the outer premises of Mr. Aidan Harpur, merchant, Cathedral street, Enniscorthy, the workman discovered a good-sized cannon ball, which belonged to the only field piece in possession of the rebels at the battle of Vinegar Hill on June 21, 1798.

WICKLOW.

The death of Mr. Walter Miley of Tryanstown, occurred on March 19, at the age of 67 years. Interment was in Tourant; funeral cortege long and respectable.

Died—March 15, at Kilmanagh, Anne Delahunt.

The Lord Chancellor has appointed Mr. Lewis Kemmis, Ovoca Lodge, to the magistracy of the county Wicklow.

MUNSTER.

CLARE.

An effort, to be attended with success, is being made in Kilrush and West Clare in support of the evicted tenants movement. With this object Mr. Tully arrived in town, and called on the vicar general, Very Rev. Dr. Malone. He has also received promises of assistance and practical support for his mission from the principal nationalists.

There will be only one contest in Ennistymon union, Mr. Patrick Kerlin having withdrawn. The contest will be in the Killspugianane electoral division between Mr. James Hartigan, Moymore, and Mr. James Neylan, Cahreadery (sitting guardian.)

CORK.

On March 16 died Miss Mary Donovan, daughter of the late illustrious Dr. Donovan of Skibbereen, and sister of the late Dr. Daniel Donovan, historiographer and poet, whose name is well known as the author of the "History of Carberry," a most popular and ably written book. Dr. Donovan, sr., was one of the most brilliant men of his day in the medical profession, and was the first medical officer of the Skibbereen union, after the passing of the Poor Law act.

Mrs. Catherine Nunan, Bridge View house, Kinsale, died Saturday night. She was the widow of the late Dr. James Casey Nunan, who for many years was chairman of the Kinsale town and harbor commissioners' boards.

The body of an old man named McCarthy, in the employment of the Lee fishery conservators, was found in a disused quarry between Ardru and Cloughroe. It is not known how he met his death, but it is believed that in taking a short cut through the fields to home he fell into the quarry.

A public meeting was held on Sunday in Rosscarbery to adopt measures to meet the exceptional distress in the district. The Very Rev. P. Hill cited several cases of great distress that had come under his own notice. The Rev. Jeremiah O'Hea and Mr. Jeremiah Donovan also addressed the meeting. A committee was appointed consisting of clergymen of all denominations in the parish, the poor law guardians, and representative men from the town and different districts of the parish. The Very Rev. P. Hill was appointed chairman, James A. Donovan, merchant, treasurer, and

Rev. Jeremiah O'Hea, Limerick, secretary.

Last week the inhabitants of Ballymaooda were startled by the advent of the Sheriff's Officer, Harding, accompanied by the agent, Mr. Marmion, of Coppoquin, and Mr. Hanna of the Property Defense association and a posse of emergency men, all guarded by police. When the emergency men had partaken of breakfast at Mr. Jas. Barry's, Ballydaniel, the procession moved on to William Hankard's, on the property of Sir Francis Synges, and subsequently to the house of James Quinn, Mountcotton. In both cases the neighbors, seeing the large young families, and when their old furniture had been cast out, came to their assistance and satisfied the agent, Mr. Marmion. In a third case however, that of John Hennessy, close by, who was still more poor, the law took its course, and he with two brothers and a feeble old mother, was put on the roadside. The evicting party then departed, having placed an emergency man, with the usual police guard in possession.

The torchlight procession held in Skibbereen recently in honor of the memory of the men of '98 was a remarkable one in point of numbers and enthusiasm. Contingents were present from Schull. Fully four thousand persons had gathered, and several tar barrels and torches were carried in the ranks. The procession was headed by the Butter Exchange band. Skibbereen will not be behind in the movement to honor the memory of the gallant men who died in behalf of their country.

KERRY.

Rev. J. Mangan, the patriotic pastor of Sneem, has agreed to accept subscriptions for the relief of the two families—Sullivan and O'Neill—who were barbarously evicted off the Warden property lately—one for giving shelter to the evicted family, no other reason. Already a goodly sum has been generously given by kind-hearted persons.

St. Patrick's day a raid for arms was made at Coulick, near Killarney. Five men entered the house of Jeremiah Moyrhan, about 4 o'clock. Three wore masks, and one was armed with a revolver. They demanded arms, and on being refused they ransacked the house, and found thirty rounds of ammunition, which they seized and carried away. Had they made a more diligent search their raid would have been more successful, for they left behind a gun and a revolver. The gun was behind the door and a revolver was in a box, which was not locked.

After the disposal of the criminal business at the Grand Jury of county Kerry, in Tralee, a few days since, Col. Rice moved a resolution calling on the government to revoke all gun licenses in the county in consequence of the number of raids for arms which have recently taken place there, and not to reissue licenses except on most careful investigation. Mr. J. C. D. Hurley seconded the resolution. Mr. St. J. H. Donovan moved a direct negative, and characterized the motion as absurd and impracticable. It was an attempt to punish the peaceable and well-disposed for the doings of a few miscreants. Mr. Meredith seconded the amendment, which was adopted by 12 votes to 4.

LIMERICK.

Rev. John Conway, P. P., Killeedy, one of the most popular and respected clergymen of the diocese of Limerick, passed away March 28. He was in his 70th year. Father Conway was something like 50 years in the Mission in this diocese. He was formerly a curate in Limerick, being attached to St. John's parish, and was promoted to the charge of Killeedy by the late Most Rev. Dr. Ryan.

KILDARE.

On Monday Patrick Hughes, son of John Hughes, fell into a well at Bourbawn and was drowned. The well was an ordinary one of three or four feet deep, and it would appear that the poor little fellow fell in head foremost, and, being unable to extricate himself was drowned. He was only missing for some minutes when his dead body was recovered by his mother.

The Leinster Leader says some of our readers may be old enough to recall the wreck of the Birkenhead, in 1852, at Table Bay, Cape of Good Hope, when conveying troops to the Kaffir war.

KILKENNY.

Miss Margaret Dalton, of Ballygeinstoge, died March 18, deeply regretted.

KING'S.

Admiral Coote, who owned considerable estates in Kings, Westmeath and Roscommon counties, died lately in

England. He was a Christian landlord, and during even the most exciting of times not the slightest friction between him and his tenants was reported.

Died—March 18, at Ballyhassall, Rhode, Mrs. Lacy, relict of the late Patrick Lacy. Sincerely regretted.

LONGFORD.

On March 20 died Father Philip O'Rourke, C. C., Mullahoran, Granard, deeply and widely regretted. Office and high mass were said in Leggat church, and were numerously attended.

ULSTER.

ANTRIM.

A great demonstration was held in National Hall, Belfast, lately to raise funds for the distressed people on the west coast of Ireland. Mr. James McMahon presided. Messrs. Joseph Glennon, Joseph Devlin and Mr. Michael McCartan, M. P., delivered addresses. A substantial sum was subscribed.

The new church of the Redeptorist Fathers at Clonard, Falls road, Belfast, was dedicated by Most Rev. Dr. Henry, bishop of Down and Connor. Very Rev. Father Griffith thanked the congregation for their generous response to his appeal, and announced that the result was something over £1,000—probably when all was received £1,200. At the various other city churches a collection was also taken up on behalf of the Redeptorist Fathers, and large sums were subscribed.

ARMAGH.

A monster demonstration of all the '98 Centenary clubs of the county Armagh was held in Burgan last week, and proved a great success. An exceptionally large number came from Armagh by a special train. Mr. David McHibbon took the chair. Mr. Peter McGrory, Keady, proposed a series of resolutions, which were seconded by Mr. Robert McGivern, Lurgan, calling on all Irishmen to present the grand spectacle of a united Irish people to celebrate the glorious memory of '98, and pledging adherence to the principles which animated the patriots of that period. Mr. R. McGhee, M. P., said they met to renew their pledge never to rest from their labors to the service of Ireland until the aspiration of the brave united Irishmen to make her free had been realized, and to proclaim themselves, as their forefathers did a hundred years ago, rebels against the rancorous rule of the foreigner. Mr. James McGilne and Mr. McDonnell, T. C., Armagh, also addressed the meeting, and the resolutions were adopted.

CAVAN.

St. Patrick's day caused a large influx of people to assemble in Ocotobill, all wearing the national emblem. Mass was celebrated by the Very Rev. P. O'Connell, and the celebrant delivered a stirring and glowing panegyric on the life and labors of St. Patrick. Three national bands marched in succession through the streets, rendering appropriate airs.

DERRY.

A meeting was held on Sunday at Mr. Daniel Henry's, Moneytaghan, Ellis, to take into consideration the propriety of establishing a '98 club.

DONEGAL.

The Rev. Canon McKenna has received £10 as a donation from the Bishop of Clogher. Father McKenna says his people are in dire distress, and that to add to their deplorable condition, numerous ejections have been served on tenants, farmers.

DOWN.

Mr. Robert Taylor, postmaster of Scarva, has celebrated his 134th birthday, having been born in 1764. Mr. Taylor is in very good health, and can rehearse many of the exciting scenes that occurred in the early part of his life. He was a volunteer in his early manhood, and can still sound his old volunteer bugle call. He has held the position of postmaster for Scarva for a considerable number of years. Mr. Michael Burns, Castlewellsan, died recently. The funeral was the longest seen in the district for many years.

FERMANAGH.

The latest issue of Thom's Official Directory, 1898, gives the number of persons in the county who can speak Irish as 561, and these also speak English.

MONAGHAN.

A terrible railway accident occurred near Maguirebridge. It would seem that as the train from Derry to Clones was going to Maguirebridge the guard noticed some person open one of the carriage doors and jump out. An alarm was at once raised. It was afterwards discovered that he was a man named McCaffrey, from Brookboro.

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